



## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook May 11 - 17, 2017

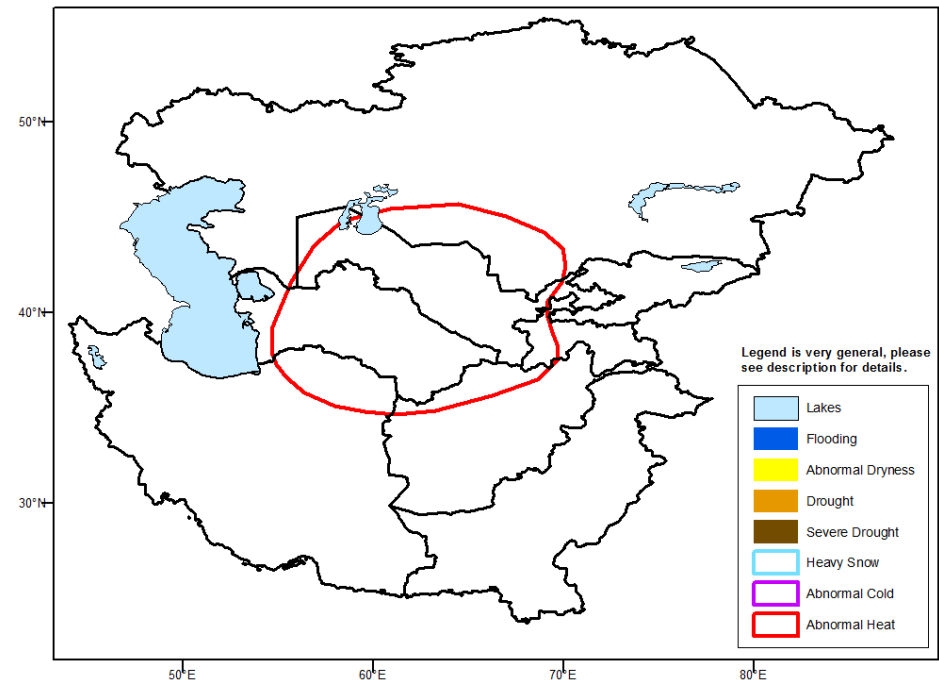
### **Temperatures:**

Above-normal temperatures persisted across most of Central Asia from April 30 to May 6 with the largest anomalies (3 to 7 degrees C) across western parts of Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Afghanistan. The hottest temperatures (above 35 degrees C) were observed across southern Turkmenistan. During the next week, the GFS model indicates that above-normal temperatures are likely to persist through mid-May. Abnormal heat hazard is posted for areas where maximum temperatures are forecast to exceed 35 degrees C and average more than 6 degrees C above normal.

### **Precipitation**

Scattered showers (less than 25 mm) fell across eastern Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and northeast Afghanistan from April 30 to May 6. During the next week, the GFS model indicates that scattered showers will continue throughout the region with local amounts exceeding 25 across the higher elevations of Afghanistan. It typically begins to become drier across Afghanistan by mid-May.

The recent warmth resulted in rapid snow melt across Afghanistan during the past month. Since nearly all basins have melted away their snow, the risk of flooding is reduced compared to previous weeks.



**Note:** The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.